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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE CONTINUES AS PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN

LEADER BARRED

1. ROMAN CATHOLIC FARMER KILLED BY GUNSHOTS IN NORTH ARMAGH "MURDER TRIANGLE" JULY 26. SOLDIER ON FOOT PATROL SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY SNIPER IN LONDONDERRY. SECOND BOMB IN WEEK FOUND IN BARRACKS AT EBRINGTON BASE LONDONDERRY BUT THIS ONE SAFELY DEFUSED. THERE WERE BOMBS IN DOWNTOWN BELFAST AND NEWCASTLE, COUNTY DOWN.

2. PROVISIONAL IRA, ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) AND IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (IRSP) SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS CONVICTS IN SEPARATE COMPOUNDS MAZE/LONG KESH PRISON STAGED PROTEST JULY 26. ALL THREW LUNCH BACK OVER WIRE, IRSP BURNED BEDDINGS. UDA DENIED THAT COLLUSION OR COOPERATION BETWEEN COMPOUNDS. UDA BELFAST BRANCH HAS ABANDONED PLANS PUBLISH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OVER ONE-HUNDRED "MEMBERS OF PROVISIONAL IRA." SECURITY FORCES APPARENTLY CONVINCED LEADERSHIP INNOCENT LIVES WOULD BE PUT AT RISK THROUGH MISTAKES IN ADDRESSES OR CHANGE IN TENANTS.

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3. OFFICIAL SINN FEIN REPUBLICAN CLUBS "ANTI-IMPERIALIST FESTIVAL ... TO EXPOSE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS" (BELFAST PHASE) PROCEEDING QUIETLY. BELFAST ORANGE ORDER LEADER THOMAS PASSMORE CONDEMNED CONFERENCE AND ACCUSED GOVERNMENT OF INSULTING MEMORY OF MURDERED AMBASSADOR BY ALLOWING A GATHERING OF "TERRORIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS." PROVISIONAL IRA HAS ALSO CRITICIZED CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS OFFICIALS ARE "COUNTER REVOLUTIONARIES." PROVISIONALS OFFERED TO PROVIDE DELEGATES WITH ALTERNATIVE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS TO "SHOW THEM WHAT THE REVOLUTION IS ALL ABOUT."

4. SECRETARY OF STATE REES SIGNED EXCLUSION ORDER BARRING PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN PRESIDENT RUARI O'BRADAIGH (RORY O'BRADY) FROM REMAINING IN OR RETURNING TO UNITED KINGDOM. O'BRADAIGH CAN APPEAL BUT FINAL DECISION STILL UP TO REES. EXCLUSION ORDERS RARELY ISSUED AND IT ASSUMED BASIS WAS "SUSPICION OF CAUSING TERRORISM." IT IS ALSO ASSUMED GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO END DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN.

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